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OPENING OF THE SESSION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the thirty-eighth session

Note by the secretariat

1. At its organizational meeting for 1991, by its decision 91/1 of 22 February 1991, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) decided that the thirty-eighth session of the Council, including the meetings of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group, should be held in New York from 3 to 21 June 1991. By the same decision the Council approved the provisional agenda for its thirty-eighth session (see annex I) and the tentative schedule of work (see annex II).

2. At its organizational meeting on 19 February 1991, the Governing Council elected, by acclamation, the following officers for 1991:

President: H.E. Mr. Ramiro Piriz-Ballon (Uruguay)

First Vice-President: Mr. Jeremiah E. Kramer (Canada)

Second Vice-President: Mr. Wojciech A. Jasinski (Poland)

Third Vice-President: Mr. Shaukat Umer (Pakistan)

Fourth Vice-President: Mr. Robert K. Gathungu (Kenya)

3. By its decision 91/1, the Governing Council decided to dispense with the general debate at its thirty-eighth session, thereby making a three-week

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session possible. However, item 2 on the provisional agenda, entitled "Annual report of the Administrator for 1990 and programme-level activities", will provide the opportunity for an overall review of major policy issues as well as for high-level attendance. Statements during the discussion of this item should be limited to 10 minutes in order to allow full participation. (See also paras. 6 and 7 concerning item 2.)

4. Meetings will normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In that context, it may be recalled that, by section I, paragraph 3 (j), of its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, the Governing Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at their scheduled time. The Council, by section III of its decision 91/1, decided to waive rule 22 of its rules of procedure for its meetings in 1991, in so far as that rule refers to the requirement that there be a quorum of one third of the members of the Governing Council present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate.

5. The tentative schedule of work set out in annex II shows the proposed schedule for the plenary, the Standing Committee for Programme Matters, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group. The consideration of the various items is scheduled in such a manner as to avoid simultaneous meetings by the sessional bodies dealing with the same matter. The Governing Council approved the tentative schedule of work by its decision 91/1, on the understanding that the Bureau of the Council be entrusted with the task of adjusting the schedule of meetings within the overall allocation of services to ensure a smooth and proper conduct of the session.

I. PLENARY

6. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1990/54 of 24 July 1990 on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, recommended that the governing bodies of the organs and organizations of the United Nations system include in their agenda the question of the implementation of the Declaration and invited them to report to the Council, at its second regular session of 1991, on steps taken by them and by Governments within their respective spheres of competence, with a view to ensuring the implementation of the Declaration. The General Assembly, in its resolution 45/234, of 21 December 1990, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly, at its forty-sixth session, a report on the implementation by Governments and the organizations of the United Nations system of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration. Delegations may wish to address the question of implementation of the Declaration under item 2 of the provisional agenda (Annual report of the Administrator for 1990 and programme-level activities).

7. Reports have been prepared concerning the following programme-level activities which will be discussed together with the annual report of the Administrator:

Human development;

Management Development Programme;

Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries;

Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations;

Women in development;

Role of UNDP in combating HIV and AIDS.

8. At its special session, held from 20 to 22 February 1991, the Governing Council began consideration of a draft decision concerning Namibia which was submitted by Zaire on behalf of the African States members of the Governing Council (DP/1991/L.5). Since the consideration of the item was not completed, the Bureau of the Governing Council has recommended that it be taken up under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda entitled "Africa-related matters". Under this sub-item, reports have been prepared concerning the role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 and the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa. The item is scheduled for consideration on 12 June 1991 together with items concerning least developed countries, refugees and the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office.

9. Provision is being made for in-session, informal consultations on item 5 (c) of the provisional agenda, entitled "Support costs: successor arrangements", to begin at the earliest possible stage. It will be recalled that the Governing Council did not conclude its consideration of this item at its special session in February 1991. The Council completed its general discussion in plenary meeting but did not receive a report from the Vice-President in charge of the informal consultations. The plenary is scheduled to discuss the report prepared for the thirty-eighth session on this subject on Thursday, 13 June 1991.

10. In paragraph 6 of its decision 90/23 of 23 June 1990, the Governing Council requested the Administrator, with respect to the working methods of the Governing Council, inter alia, to examine further possibilities "to biennialize or even triennialize specific items". At its organizational meeting on 19 February 1991, the Council took note of the proposals submitted in the report of the Administrator (DP/1991/3). To allow for a continued discussion of the possibilities of biennialization or triennialization, item 12 (Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1992) will be taken up on Tuesday, 18 June 1991.

II. STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS

11. In paragraph 4 of its decision 91/2 A of 22 February 1991, the Governing Council decided that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters should work within the framework of procedures of the Council, in a similar manner to the

Budgetary and Finance Committee, taking into account, inter alia, the latter's practice with respect to the organization of work, the preparation of decisions, as well as the reporting to the plenary meetings of the Council.

12. The Governing Council, by section VI of its decision 91/1 and in accordance with its decisions 90/23 of 23 June 1990 and 91/2, agreed that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters should deal with the following items at the thirty-eighth session:

(a) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;

(b) All country and intercountry programmes;

(c) Global and interregional projects;

(d) Country and intercountry programmes of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA);

(e) Evaluation.

13. After two days of plenary meetings for the consideration of items relating to UNFPA, the Standing Committee for Programme Matters will begin its in-session meetings with programming matters relating to UNFPA (15 UNFPA country programmes), to be followed by UNDP programming matters.

III. BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14. The Budgetary and Finance Committee is scheduled to meet from 3 to 20 June 1991. Taking into account that 1991 is a budget year, 30 meetings will be allocated to the work of the Committee in accordance with paragraph 12 of the annex to decision 87/50 of 19 June 1987. Mr. Jeremiah E. Kramer (Canada), First Vice-President of the Council, will serve as Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee.

15. The Governing Council, by section VII of its decision 91/1, decided to allocate to the Budgetary and Finance Committee item 10 of the Council's provisicnal agenda. The Council further decided to allocate to the Committee financial, budgetary and administrative questions related to item 6 (United Nations Population Fund) and to item 8 (Other funds and programmes). As in the past, the Committee will review the financial implications of draft decisions before action is taken by the Council, especially in light of decision 86/53 of 27 June 1986. Moreover, the Council, at the beginning of its regular session, may refer a number of items on its agenda having financial implications to the Budgetary and Finance Committee for prior consideration of these aspects.

IV. DRAFTING GROUP

16. In accordance with section I, paragraph 3 (k), of decision 81/37, decision 85/47 of 29 June 1985 and the annex to decision 87/50, arrangements have also been made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Governing Council during its thirty-eighth session. It is scheduled to meet during the period 6-20 June 1991. The Drafting Group will elaborate and finalize draft decisions on those items referred to it by the plenary for the ultimate adoption of such decisions by the Council. All draft decisions formulated by the Drafting Group having financial implications must be referred to the Budgetary and Finance Committee before action is taken by the Council. The Council may also assign to the Drafting Group other specific tasks, as required.

17. It may be recalled that, by section III, paragraph 4, of its decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, the Governing Council endorsed the following principles, which should guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group:

(a) Consideration of draft decisions on the various items allocated to the Drafting Group will begin only after the debate thereon in plenary meetings has been closed;

(b) The Chairman of the Drafting Group will circulate working papers containing preliminary drafts on the various issues prepared, at his request, by the secretariat in order to facilitate the drafting of decisions;

(c) All delegations may submit draft decisions on any agenda item not specifically allocated for consideration by the Budgetary and Finance Committee, including subjects already covered in the working papers of the Chairman of the Drafting Group;

(d) In cases where both delegations and the Chairman have circulated draft texts, the Drafting Group will give precedence to the consideration of texts submitted by delegations;

(e) Unless otherwise decided by the Governing Council, draft decisions submitted or sponsored by delegations on items referred to the Drafting Group will be taken up directly by the Group; the final text of such draft decisions as approved by the Drafting Group will, however, be submitted by the Chairman of the Drafting Group, on its behalf, to the plenary without identifying particular sponsors.

Annex I

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda.

2. Annual report of the Administrator for 1990 and programme-level activities. a/

3. Special programmes of assistance:

   (a) Africa-related matters; b/

   (b) Least developed countries;

   (c) Refugees, displaced persons and returnees.

4. Programme implementation:

   (a) Implementation of selected country programmes;

   (b) Evaluation;

   (c) National execution.

5. Programme planning:

   (a) Country and intercountry programmes and projects;

   (b) Preparations for the fifth programming cycle, including funding strategy;

   (c) Support costs: successor arrangements. c/

6. United Nations Population Fund:

   (a) Annual report of the Executive Director for 1990 and programme-level activities; d/

   (b) Country and intercountry programmes; e/

   (c) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters. f/

7. United Nations technical cooperation activities.

8. Other funds and programmes. g/

9. Senior management structure.

10. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters:

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1990;

(b) Revised budget estimates for 1990-1991 and budget estimates for 1992-1993;

(c) Audit reports and other matters. h/

11. Other matters. i/

12. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1992.

Notes

a/ Under this item the Governing Council will have before it reports on the following subjects:

Human development;

Management Development Programme;

Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries;

Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations;

Women in development;

Role of UNDP in combating HIV and AIDS.

b/ Under this sub-item the Governing Council will have before it reports on the following subjects:

Role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;

Transport and Communications Decade in Africa.

c/ Under this sub-item the Governing Council will also have before it a report on sectoral support.

d/ Under this sub-item the Governing Council will also have before it reports on the following subjects:

Work plan for 1992-1995 and request for approval authority;

Status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects;

Status report on UNFPA strategy concerning women, population and development;

Notes (continued)

Status report on UNFPA strategy for assistance to sub-Saharan Africa;

Contraceptive requirements of developing countries during the 1990s;

Report on proposed support cost arrangements for UNFPA.

e/ Under this sub-item the Governing Council will also have before it the proposed UNFPA intercountry programme for 1992-1995.

f/ Under this sub-item the Governing Council will have before it reports on the following subjects:

Biennial budget estimates for 1992-1993;

Report on the funding of UNFPA publications;

Annual financial review, 1990;

Audit reports;

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

g/ Under this item the Governing Council will have before it reports on the following funds and programmes:

United Nations Capital Development Fund;

United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;

United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development;

United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

United Nations Development Fund for Women.

h/ Under this sub-item the Governing Council will also have before it a report on procurement from developing countries.

i/ Under this item reports on the following subjects will be made available to the Governing Council:

United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures;

Steps taken by UNDP in response to action taken by the General Assembly and by other organs of the United Nations system;

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to UNDP.

Annex II

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK

Week 1

	MONDAY 3 June 1991		TUESDAY 4 June 1991		WEDNESDAY 5 June 1991		THURSDAY 6 June 1991		FRIDAY 7 June 1991	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda (1) UNFPA: annual report of the Executive Director (6 (a))	UNFPA (6 (a)) (continued)	UNFPA (6 (a)) (continued)	Senior management structure (9)	United Nations technical cooperation activities (7)	Other funds and programmes (8)				(Following adjournment of SCPM) Annual report of the Administrator (2) (Introduction) a/
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS (SCPM)				UNFPA (6 (b))	UNFPA (6 (b)) (continued)	UNFPA (6 (b)) (continued)	UNDP Implementation of selected country programmes (4 (a))	UNDP (4 (a)) (continued)	UNDP (4 (a)) (continued) Evaluation (4 (b))	UNDP Country and intercountry programmes (5 (a))
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)	Opening. Organizational matters. Annual financial review (10 (a)). Statement by the Associate Administrator		(10 (a)) (continued)	Audit reports and other matters (10 (c))	Revised budget estimates 1990-1991 and budget estimates 1992-1993 (10 (b))	(10 (b)) (continued)	(10 (b)) (continued)	UNFPA (6 (c))	UNFPA (6 (c)) (continued)	UNFPA (6 (c)) (continued)
DRAFTING GROUP							Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions

a/ To be confirmed.

Week 2

	MONDAY 10 June 1991		TUESDAY 11 June 1991		WEDNESDAY 12 June 1991		THURSDAY 13 June 1991		FRIDAY 14 June 1991	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	Annual report of the Administrator and programme-level activities (2)	Annual report (2) (continued)	Annual report (2) (continued)	Annual report (2) (continued)	Special programmes of assistance (3) (a) Africa-related matters (b) LDCs (c) Refugees UNSO (8)	Special programmes (3) and UNSO (8) (continued)	Special programmes (3) and UNSO (8) (continued)	Support costs: successor arrangements (5 (c))	National execution (4 (c))	Preparations for fifth programming cycle - funding strategy (5 (b))
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS (SCPM)										
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Revised budget estimates 1990-1991 and budget estimates 1992-1993 (10 (b)) (continued)	(10 (b)) (continued)	(10 (b)) (continued)	Other funds and programmes (8)	Meeting	Meeting
DRAFTING GROUP			Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions

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Week 3

	MONDAY 17 June 1991		TUESDAY 18 June 1991		WEDNESDAY 19 June 1991		THURSDAY 20 June 1991		FRIDAY 21 June 1991	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	Other funds and programmes (8) (continued)	Conclusion of items from second week (if required)	Conclusion of items from second week (if required)	Other matters (11) Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1992 (12)						Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1992 (12) (continued) Adoption of decisions. Closure of the session
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS (SCPM)					Meeting	Meeting				
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)	Matters referred (4 (c)) and (5 (c))	(4 (c)) and (5 (c)) (continued)	Matters referred (5 (b)) and (9)	(5 (b)) and (9) (continued)	Draft report	Draft report	Draft report	Draft report		
DRAFTING GROUP	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions		